

STATE OF ALABAMA

Information Technology Policy

Policy 640-01_Rev A: External Connections

OBJECTIVE:

Ensure connections to systems external to State network systems are properly secured.

SCOPE:

Any non-State of Alabama systems or networks that are allowed to connect to the State network infrastructure are subject to the requirements of this policy and to the standards and procedures that implement this policy.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Connections shall be allowed only with external networks, systems, or applications that have demonstrated and/or documented acceptable security controls and procedures. State standards and procedures shall identify applicable security controls and connection requirements.

The State IT Security Council shall have the right to review all new external connection requests. Reviews shall ensure that access matches the business requirements and that necessary security controls meeting established State standards are implemented. The council may direct that a vulnerability assessment be conducted to further assess the risk to State assets due to the external connection.

External connections shall be continuously monitored (in accordance with applicable standards) for security, performance, and continued business need.

Connections shall be terminated when no longer required or as security or performance issues require.

ENFORCEMENT:

Refer to Information Technology Policy 600-00: Information Security.

Signed by Jim Burns, Chief Information Officer

DOCUMENT HISTORY:

Version	Release Date	Comments
Original	2/13/2007	
Rev A	4/17/2008	Revised Security Council responsibility to review requests to right to review. Deleted statement of responsibility for network infrastructure (established by law).